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1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the command responsibilities, eligibility requirements and administrative procedures for enlistment or reenlistment of male civilians in the Regular Army for the specific purpose of entering Officer Candidate School.

2. Courses available and branch of commissioning. *a.* Officer candidate courses, all 23 weeks in length, are conducted at the following installations: Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Belvoir, Va.

b. Successful graduates are commissioned in one of the following branches: Infantry, Armor, Artillery, Signal Corps, Corps of Engineers, Military Intelligence, Military Police Corps, Adjutant General Corps, Transportation Corps, Ordnance Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Finance Corps, and Chemical Corps.

c. Enlistment or reenlistment of male civilians under the provisions of this regulation will be made without reference to a branch of commissioning or attendance at a specific Officer Candidate School. Individuals applying under this program should be counseled that the Army's requirements are greater for officers qualified in the arms rather than in the services. Applicants will indicate on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) and DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract—Armed Forces of the United States) three

branch preferences for commissioning, one of which must be a combat arm (Infantry, Armor, or Artillery). No assurances or promises will be made to enlistees that commissioning will be made in one of the branches listed in the preference statement. Commissioning in a specific branch will be made in accordance with DA requirements.

3. Responsibility. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command is responsible for recruiting officer candidate school applicants from civilian life. Professors of Military Science at educational institutions with Army ROTC programs will conduct active recruiting campaigns for this enlistment option among senior class students. The U.S. Army Recruiting Command will provide such assistance in this effort as may be requested by the Professor of Military Science.

4. Eligibility requirements. An applicant for enlistment under this program must—

a. Meet the eligibility requirements of AR 601-210 and this regulation. Where the two are in conflict the provisions of this regulation will apply.

b. Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, as listed in part 3, Education Directory, Higher Education. However, college seniors may be enlisted in the 120-day delay

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entry program (AR 601-220) provided they meet all other eligibility requirements set forth herein and anticipate award of a baccalaureate degree prior to date of entry on active duty.

c. Be at least 18 years of age and must not have passed 27th birthday at time of enlistment in the Regular Army. Waiver for maximum age up to 32 years at time of enlistment may be granted by The Adjutant General, Department of the Army in exceptional cases.

d. Enlist in the Regular Army for a minimum period of 2 years. Applicants may be enlisted without regard to number of dependents.

e. Successfully complete basic combat and advanced individual training prior to entry in OCS.

5. Counseling OCS applicants. Recruiting personnel and OCS Examining Boards will insure that applicants are completely aware of the nature of the challenge which confronts them. Care must be exercised to insure that each applicant realizes that during the period between the date he enters active service and the date of his scheduled graduation from OCS, he will undergo approximately 10 months of intensive training. He must be made to realize that the training has been specifically designed to place him under physical, mental, and emotional pressure to simulate, as closely as possible, the stress and fatigue of combat.

6. Submission of applications. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will submit applications on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in triplicate, to the nearest U.S. Army recruiting main station.

7. Physical fitness test. The physical fitness test will not be administered prior to enlistment. However successful completion of the physical fitness test prior to graduation from the OCS course of instruction is a mandatory prerequisite to commissioning.

8. Processing by recruiting main station commanders. Recruiting main station commanders are responsible for the following:

a. Assisting the applicant in preparing the following forms:

(1) DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire) in duplicate.

(2) Citizenship certificate. An individual who is not a citizen of the United States by birth will submit a statement signed by an officer of the Army or notary public as indicated in (a), (b), or (c) below, as appropriate. Under no circumstances

will facsimiles or copies, photostatic or otherwise, of naturalization certificates, citizenship certificates or alien registration receipt cards be made. The reproducing of these certificates or any part thereof is a felony.

(a) For those who are citizens by naturalization.

I have this date seen the original Certificate of citizenship No. _____ (or certified copy of the court order establishing citizenship) stating that _____

(Name of applicant)
was admitted to United States citizenship by the court of _____ at _____ on _____
(City and State) (Date)

(b) For those who claim citizenship through naturalization of parent.

I have this date seen the original Certificate of citizenship No. _____ issued to _____ by the

(Name of applicant)
Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, stating that _____ acquired citizenship on _____
(Name of applicant) (Date)

(c) For noncitizens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

I have this date seen the original Alien Registration Receipt Card Form No. 1-151, bearing No. _____, issued to _____ on _____
(Name) (Date)

If the individual does not possess the Alien Registration Receipt Card Form 1-151, the commander processing the application will communicate with the District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service of the district in which the alien's residence is located, and request a statement as to lawful entry of the individual into the United States for permanent residence. The statement will be made a part of the application.

b. Instructing applicant to complete a single copy of DA Form 3208 (Work Sheet for National Agency Check Request). The DA Form 3208 will be included with the documents forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 11c.

c. Reviewing the application to determine whether the applicant is qualified under this regulation. Documentary evidence of date of birth and highest level of education attained is required.

d. Arranging for necessary testing. If the applicant fails any one of these tests, he will be disqualified immediately. Tests will be administered in the following sequence.

(1) **Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT).** Applicant must achieve a score of 110 or higher in the GT aptitude area and this score will be entered under "Remarks" section of DA Form 61.

(a) When testing on campus with the Reserve component edition of the AFQT (AFQT-5B and AFQT-6B) is authorized by separate DA directives, retest at AFEES with the current Active Army edition of the AFQT is not required.

(b) On-campus testing, when authorized, will be conducted by testing personnel who are fully qualified and equipped to administer, score, and provide security for such tests in accordance with applicable regulations.

(2) **Officer Candidate Test (OCT-3).** A standard score of 115 or higher must be attained and this score will be entered under "Remarks" section of DA Form 61. When administration of this test on college campuses is authorized, the provisions of (1) (b) above apply.

(3) All applicants must meet procurement medical fitness standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501, and also must meet the distant visual acuity requirements prescribed in paragraph 7-15, AR 40-501.

(4) **Medical Examination,** SF 88 and SF 89 will be forwarded to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command for review. Upon completion of this review, medical examinations will be returned to the appropriate recruiting main stations by the most expeditious means.

e. If the applicant successfully meets all the foregoing tests, his application will be indorsed to the OCS Examining Board and the entire file retained until the next convening of the Board at that particular recruiting main station.

9. OCS examining boards. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, is delegated authority to establish and convene OCS Examining Boards within each recruiting district. Boards will consist of at least three officers each, one of whom is of field grade within the combat arms. Boards convened to screen applicants for the in-service OCS program will not be utilized for screening applicants under this program. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command may further delegate to recruiting district commanders authority to appoint OCS Examining Boards.

10. Action by recruiting district commanders. Recruiting district commanders are responsible for the following:

a. Notifying recruiting main station commanders of the specific dates applicants are to report for board examinations.

b. Insuring that the following are administered:

(1) **OQI-1 (Officer Qualification Inventory).** A qualifying score of 75 is established as the minimum score required for selection for OCS.

(2) **OLB-1 (Officer Leadership Board Interview).**

c. Insuring that applicants who score 75 or higher on the OQI-1 are interviewed by the OCS Examining Board. Board procedures will be in accordance with DA Pam 611-227 except that the requirement to enter ratings from Work Sheets A through D on the Interview Board (DA Form 6227) and the scoring of the Interview Record is suspended. Work Sheet E will continue to be completed by individual board members who will record their ratings on the Interview Record. The board will question the applicant concerning personal history, training and experience, and determine whether he appears to possess the desire, determination and motivation necessary to complete the training and to develop into a satisfactory commissioned officer. On this basis, each member will make an independent, individual appraisal of the applicant as to his overall qualification for a commission in the Army Reserve. The individual appraisal may be made in the board member's handwriting on the reverse of DA Form 6227, or on a local form which may be used for this purpose.

d. Enlisting qualified applicants in those cases where the OCS Examining Board is unanimously in favor of acceptance and informing those of non-selection where the OCS Examining Board unanimously favors rejection. Applicants may be enlisted in the 120-day entry program (AR 601-220) provided they meet all eligibility requirements set forth herein prior to enlistment in the U.S. Army Reserve.

e. Referring to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command for final action all cases wherein the OCS Examining Board renders a split decision. In these instances, the applicants will be informed that they will be notified at a

later date as to their status. When the decision is made, action will be taken as in *d* above.

11. Final processing at recruiting main stations. *a.* In addition to the statements for enlistment required by AR 601-210, DA Form 3286-24 (Statements for Enlistment, Part VI—Officer Candidate School Option) must be completed by all applicants prior to enlistment. This statement will be signed in duplicate and securely fastened to the original and duplicate copies of the enlistment record.

b. Enlistment contract—Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 4) of individuals enlisted under the provisions of this regulation will contain the following notations:

(1) Item 12, Authority for Enlistment, enter "AR 601-210 and AR 601-226."

(2) Item 44, Mental Test Scores, enter the OCT score.

(3) Item 48, enter three branch preferences in order of priority in which a commission is desired one of which must be a combat arm (Infantry, Artillery, or Armor).

c. After enlistment is accomplished, the following will be forwarded with the individual's record file to reception station:

(1) DA Form 3208.

(2) DA Form 61 in triplicate.

12. Waivers. The waiver provisions set forth in AR 601-210, as appropriate, will be applied to applicants for enlistment under this option. However, requests for waiver of the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4*b* and 8*d* (1) and (2) of this regulation will not be made. In exceptional cases recruiting district commanders may forward requests for which approval is recommended direct to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-O, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

13. Control of class input. Department of the Army will allocate available enlisted men to OCS classes on a name-for-name basis as they are reported by the training centers.

14. Procedure at officer candidate schools. The provisions of section VI, AR 350-50 will apply.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, ATTN: DCSPER-PD, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310.

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